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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

- 1 ☐ J Claims Nos
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
- 2 ☐ J Claims Nos
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically.
- 3 ☐ r Claims NOS
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application as follows

see additional sheet

- 1 ☒ I As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all
searchable claims
- 2 ☐ I As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee
- 3 ☐ I As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report
Encompasses Only/ Encompasses Claims from Whichin fees Were Paid. Encompasses Claims Nos 6
- 4 ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims it is covered by claims Nos

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-7,9

Claim 3:

A display panel comprising pixels with sub-pixels, at least two non-adjacent sub-pixel elements being coupled to receive a same driving signal, the cumulated sizes of the of the sub-pixels forming a series according to a power law of its ordinal.

NB:

Document D1 (US 2002/047822) discloses a display panel comprising a plurality of pixels, each comprising a plurality of sub-pixel elements occupying respective continuous sub-pixel element areas within a pixel area, at least two non-adjacent sub-pixel elements being coupled to receive substantially a same driving signal (see "subpixel electrode portions" "M2a" ... "M4a" and "connecting electrodes" "M2c" ... "M4c" in D1, Fig. 20 & par. 233 - 238). Hence, a device comprising all the features specified in claim 1 can be found in D1.

Document D1 (US 2002/047822) discloses also the features specified in claims 2, 6 and 9. Moreover, this document in combination with common knowledge renders obvious claims 5 and 7.

Therefore, claims 1, 2, 6 and 9 are not new (Article 33(2) PCT) and claims 5 and 7 do not involve an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

2. claim: 8

sub-pixel's of different colours being interspersed.
